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Station W.N.T.C.

Shows Progress

Under the able direction of Nick Sfikas, station manager and his capable assistants from both Clarkson and PSTC, the campus radio station, WNTC, has shown considerable progress, and it is expected that actual broadcast operations will begin shortly.

At first, the station plans to operate two hours a day, gradually expanding this time until a full schedule may be presented. However, even this short operating time requires the services of over one hundred and fifty students, each devoting several hours of his time weekly. With such a large staff involved, it has been necessary to divide the membership into four major committees; business, engineering, programing, and publicity. Each of these in turn is also divided into several sub-committees in order to facilitate the handling of the station's affairs.

Although being fortunate in having technical and artistic talent available in Clarkson and PSTC, WNTC is still lacking in experienced help. At the moment, the lumber and building materials are in shortage on the Clarkson campus. One big factor in causing the delay in the building of the station is the lack of experienced carpenters and inexperienced men for carpenter's helpers. Tom Harris and John Latta are in charge of construction and anyone wishing to help should get in touch with them.

All the audio equipment is now on order and is expected to arrive shortly. Great concern has been shown over the shortage of announcers to use this equipment until the announcer's screening tests were held last week. Forty prospective announcers showed up for the tests to relieve this situation.

The station will be set up and managed some what on the order of station KSLU at St. Lawrence University. For this reason, trips have been made to Canton so that the staff of WNTC could see some of the difficulties they will run into, and they could observe, in general the operation of station KSLU. Similar trips are being planned in the future.

Because of the novel structure of the sending apparatus, whereby a carrier current is superimposed on the regular Potsdam power lines, the expenses of construction have been cut down considerably. The money which is necessary to build the first studio has already been contributed by Clarkson and PSTC.

Before long, WNTC will become an important activity of the two colleges, bringing entertainment to the participants as well as the listeners.